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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

It has become a common occurrence to see residents hanging out in front of the dorms at all times of day. This is going to stop. As of this point, no residents should be hanging out in front of their dorms or anyone else's dorm at any time during the day. I realize the weather is getting better and everyone wants to be outside to enjoy it. However, sitting on the steps or just hanging out around the dorms is not acceptable. There are benches and other common areas that can be used for this purpose.

Another issue that I would like to address this week is the dress code for residents. This is the expectation: **shirts will be tucked in during the week from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** I am also asking staff to begin enforcing these rules more strictly. Staff and residents need to maintain a professional environment at PREF. In order to be successful upon release, residents should practice while residing here.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

Today's article will be dedicated to PREF staff. This marks the end of Employee Appreciation Week and hopefully everyone has enjoyed the

activities throughout the week. Even though we have events planned each year to show support for our staff, it doesn't come close to repaying staff for all of the hard work and dedication that they show year round.

I would like to recommend that for the remaining part of this year, when you work with another staff to complete a project or write a document, tell them "Thank you," and show them you appreciate what they do. We shouldn't need to wait until Appreciation Week each year to let each other know we appreciate them. So here's to all the PREF staff that come in everyday, work hard, stay late, and make PREF a great place to work, **THANK YOU!**

DORM REP NOTES

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

This week marks the first issue of the PREF Propeller that will include notes from the issues brought to PREF Administration by the Dorm Representatives. There was no Dorm Rep meeting this week due to a staff recall meeting in the Chapel and a visit by Commissioner Donahue. However, because of the agenda that was provided on Wednesday by the Dorm Representatives, we are aware of the issues that the residents have.

The issues that were brought to Administrative staff this week concerned visitation. The issues that were brought

up were as follows: Wearing shorts and short pants, open toed and open heeled shoes. The Dorm Reps asked if visitors under the age of 18 need to be on a residents visitation list and if they need to have identification. A door for the shake-down area in the visiting room was also requested. The final issues dealt with the termination of visits. The Dorm Reps request that residents be permitted to share a table with another group instead of terminating a visit due to space, and permitting extended visits on holidays and weekends.

Unfortunately, there is no immediate response to these issues. In the near future, visitation will be relocated to occur in the Dining Hall. Due to this change, the visitation policy must be rewritten. These issues will all be addressed in the new policy and when complete will be made available to staff and residents. It should be noted that **residents** will not be permitted to wear shorts to visits, and visitors under the age of 18 should **not** be required to produce a birth certificate or any other identification as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

P.R.E.F. CHESS TOURNAMENT

By: Troy Mann, P.R.E.F. Resident

Bernard Parham, Indianapolis Chess Master, has been kind enough to volunteer his time and expertise to teach the finer and more subtle points of the game to P.R.E.F. Chess enthusiasts. Mr. Parham's training and coaching has compelled some P.R.E.F. residents to improve their game by literal leaps and bounds.

Kenneth Ellis, known to some as "Bishop", is one of the P.R.E.F. residents who have accrued experiential

knowledge of the game under Mr. Parham's tutelage. Mr. Ellis has learned that serious, committed Chess aficionados do not just walk away from a win *or* a loss, but rather study that game to learn from winning strategies, and even from mistakes and omissions. This knowledge has permitted Mr. Ellis to elevate his level of play several tiers; no slouch to begin with, Ellis has adopted the habit of transcribing all of his games, and this enables him to study each game, both in part and entirety, and thus permitting him to memorize advantageous strategic combinations and sequential patterns of exchange.

It has been said that hard work pays off ... and this is evident in Mr. Ellis' first place victory over myself in the recent P.R.E.F. Chess Tournament. The Tournament rules of engagement were **double elimination**; under the rules of **double elimination** each prospective tournament player plays through his bracket, and can only be ousted from play after losing two (best of three) separate matches. I played through my bracket, dropping only one game and losing no matches. Ellis came in as the underdog with one match lost. Ellis then demonstrated how diligence, perseverance and sheer cerebral fortitude can indeed prevail, as he fought through the match from a position of "one-down" [i.e. Ellis had to win two matches to secure first place, while I only had to win *one* match], winning both final matches of play. My hat goes off to Kenneth "Bishop" Ellis, as I have watched him work hard, witnessed the pay-off, and expect only improved play from him in the future. My congratulations to Mr. Ellis, and our thanks to Mr. Bernard Parham, as well!



SPORTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Mr. Rogers put on a weight lifting competition on May 4, 2007 beginning at around 6:30pm in the rec. building. In the competition the participants had to bench press 225 lbs. as many times as they could. Prizes are to be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in their respective weight classes.

The competition drew a pretty big crowd. Everybody enjoyed it, as well as the competitors.

Many thanks to Mr. Rogers for putting the competition on. Thanks to all that participated and thanks to the spectators for your support. A special thanks to rec. workers, Mr. Gaston and Mr. Dunlap for making sure the competition was judged fairly and that safety measures were taken.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The results of the competition are listed below:

225 lb. Rep. Competition

148 lbs. and under

1st D. Cobbs Weight 145 Reps 12

149-181 lbs.

1st S. Anderson Weight 178 Reps 14

2nd D. Barner Weight 165 Reps 12

182-198 lbs.

1st V. Maxey Weight 183 Reps 17

2nd R. Bennett Weight 194 Reps 13

199-220 lbs.

1st A. Merritt Weight 207 Reps 20

***2nd Overall**

2nd W. Coleman Weight 210 Reps 18

221-243 lbs.

1st R. Samuel Weight 226 Reps 16

2nd R. Eldridge Weight 242 Reps 15

244 lbs. & over

1st W. Wallace Weight 266 Reps 22

***Most Overall**

2nd T. Williams Weight 380 Reps 18

A POINT TO PONDER

By: Anonymous

Pick-Up in the Rain

One night at 11:30pm, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in this conflict-filled 1960's. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away... God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others. Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole."

OPINION COLUMN

Topic: President Bush vetoes bill to set a deadline to begin removing troops from Iraq.

Of course President Bush would veto the bill to set a deadline to begin removing troops from Iraq. If he hadn't vetoed the bill, it would have said to the people of the United States and the world over, "I'm giving up." He wouldn't want to be the one to give up after having started the war in the first place. Furthermore, the longer the troops stay over there in Iraq, whether a war is being fought or not; won or lost, the better it makes him look and makes it seem like he's accomplishing something, when in all actuality, he's looking worse and worse with each passing day and absolutely nothing is getting accomplished, and hasn't gotten accomplished ever since our troops set foot in Iraq.

In the famous words of the 70's band WAR, "War! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!"

- Dwight Cobbs #891991

Next week's topic: The upcoming INDY 500 and Hoosiers love of racing.

Suggestions for the PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young dorm.